# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

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Pasture Land
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to allow people to cultivate fodder for cows in forest land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has felt the need to preserve pasture land and setting aside some areas for growing good quality grass and fodder; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (b)

(c) & (d) The National Forest Policy, 1988 emphasises for a massive need-based and time bound programme of afforestation and tree planting, with particular emphasis on fuel-wood and fodder development, on all degraded and denuded lands in the country, whether forest or non-forest land.

National Afforestation & Eco-development Board (NAEB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for afforestation and eco-restoration of degraded forests. The scheme is implemented in participatory mode under Joint Forest Management (JFM) approach. The scheme provides various models/components for eco-restoration, one of them being Development of Pasture/Silvi-pasture model which aims at increasing the fodder availability in the project area. During last three years (2013-14 to 2015-16) an area of 13013 ha. has been approved for Silvi-pasture Development.

Further, MoEF&CC has also issued various advisories dated 25.04.2014, 27.06.2014 and 03.07.2014 to the States/UTs for taking all possible steps and contingency measures in facilitating and improving the fodder availability from the forests and common lands and for giving greater emphasis to plant fodder species under pasture/silvi-pasture development programme of National Afforestation Programme to enhance the availability of fodder in drought affected areas.

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DADF) , Government of India has taken necessary steps to increase fodder production in various part of the country by providing financial assistance to the States/UTs

under Centrally Sponsored National Livestock Mission with a sub mission on Feed and Fodder Development. The detailed components of the Sub-Mission are as under:

1. Fodder Production from Non-forest wasteland/ rangeland/ grassland/ non- arable land.
2. Fodder production from Forest land.
3. Fodder Seed Procurement/ Production & Distribution
4. Introduction of Hand Driven Chaff-Cutter
5. Introduction of Power Driven Chaff-Cutter
6. Distribution of low capacity, tractor mountable Fodder Block Making units, has baling machines/ reapers/ forage harvesters
7. Establishment of silage making Units
8. Establishment of by-pass protein production unit
9. Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture /Feed Pelleting /Feed Manufacturing Unit.
10. Establishment/modernization of Feed Testing Laboratories.

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